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Chaney to head Elba Development Corp

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Dick Chaney has been named Executive Director of the recently incorporated Elba Development Corporation. He was selected from a large field of qualified applicants by a committee of independent organizations. The independent organization is a joint public-private enterprise project. The mission is as stated in the name, *Elba development*.

Chaney has offices in the Elba Recreation Department building on Claxton Avenue. The phone number of the office is 897-1700.

The idea for this new project sprung from a meeting held in Elba with Alabama Development Office (ADO) officials and the heads of several municipal boards. The ADO group explained that a community needs more than the traditional Chamber of Commerce if it expects to be successful in recruiting and/or expanding an industrial base. They explained the importance of being focused on economic development all day, every day.

Elba Mayor James Grimes endorsed the idea and has guided the formation of Elba Development Corporation from the beginning. He has pledged to work closely with the new group and its executive director to ensure any potential industry gets the answers to questions directed to the City of Elba.

Funded by public grants and pri-

board of directors, elected from those who are funding the project. Chaney will report directly to this group.

Chaney comes to Elba from Gulf Shores, Alabama where he recently sold his interest in a real estate development firm. His duties there included development site selection and preparation, construction and budget management, contract negotiations and directing of field operations.

Prior to moving to Gulf Shores, Chaney worked as Associate Director of Development at Huntington College in Montgomery, AL. He has also been a District Boy Scout Executive in Mobile and for ten years owned and operated a real estate agency in Monroeville, AL.

His education includes a BS degree in Recreation Administration from Dartmouth College and a MA in Educational Administration and Planning from the University of Alabama.

Mr. Chaney is a veteran of the U. S. Marine Corps. He is married and the father of two children, age 11 and 15. The family plans to move to Elba at the end of the present school term. Meanwhile, Chaney is staying in Elba during the week and returning to Gulf Shores on weekends when there is no "Elba development" conflict.

According to a recent announcement by Mr. Gary Duncan, General Manager of the Food Giant Supermarkets of Geneva. The supermarket will be constructed in the old Big Bear location, with plans to completely remodel and expand the existing location size from 14,600 sq. ft. to 21,000 sq. ft.

The new facility will be named "Elba Marketplace," and will feature expanded dairy, frozen meat and produce departments, with the addition of a full service bakery and deli.

Construction will begin immediately on a new supermarket in Elba.



CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL A BIG SUCCESS...It was a beautiful day in the neighborhood (Downtown Elba) last Saturday. The day's festival activities were enjoyed by hundreds as the sun shone brightly on Elba's Annual Christmas Festival. The day's events were capped off by a parade through downtown Elba. Pictured above is just one of the many floats. (More pictures of the parade can be seen on Page 14).

New supermarket announced for Elba

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Construction will begin immediately on a new supermarket in Elba.

building which adjoined the Big Bear. The Family Dollar Store recently moved across the street in a new, larger facility.

The new lease was signed last Wednesday afternoon, the remodeling crews moved their equipment in on Friday and work began on retrofitting the building Monday morning.

News Brief

A former junk dealer, Robert Wayne O'Ferrel of New Brockton, AL, did not receive a favorable ruling in his \$50 million lawsuit against the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

U. S. Circuit Judge Harold Albritton ruled that government is shielded from such damage claims and did not recklessly disregard the truth when search warrants were issued for O'Ferrel's home and surplus store in January of 1996.

During 1990 mail bomb investigation, O'Ferrel claimed the FBI ruined his health, family life and business.

Agents searched O'Ferrel's business, home and surrounding area for a typewriter allegedly used to type the label on mail bombs which killed U. S. Circuit Judge Robert Vance of Birmingham, AL and civil rights lawyer Robert Robinson of Savannah, GA, in 1989. O'Ferrel filed the suit on behalf of himself and his former wife, Mary Ann Martin. William Gill, O'Ferrel's attorney, plans to appeal the judge's ruling.

Denise Pensul, second row - Jennifer Fishel, Jennifer Alverson, Mallory Sanderfer, Leanne Pugh, Suzanne Slaughter, Brandy Hicks, Stephanie Tompkins, and Melissa Curt; third row - Dolly Rajamannar, Jill Helton, Layle Dean, Dana Day, Chris Villeneuve, Tracey Mercer, and Lisa Campbell.

In a letter to Dr. Mitch Parvie from Jennifer Fishel, one of the students, she expressed her appreciation to the local Lions Club for making this trip and others in the past so successful.

The students and doctors making the trip are pictured above. They are (l-r): first row - Dr. Jon Essinger, Dr.

John Essinger and Denise Pensul.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin CoxBoosting Student Achievement
at Elba City Schools

The 1998 Christmas Festival was held last Saturday, as scheduled, and was a big success. There were bundles of people and the weather was warm and sunny. One regular noted he has attended every festival held, rain or shine, but this is the first time he walked the festival grounds in his shorts (the temperature was 16 degrees above normal). People were enjoying the entertainment, consuming a lot of food and spending a lot of money.

Heddy and I were among the traveling public on Thanksgiving Day. Our whole family ate the traditional meal with our son Chris and his wife Penny in Opelika. Aye should teach a person not to overeat, even on holidays, but it doesn't always work that way. However if there is a positive side, it is the fact we didn't overeat as much as we have in years past. Then, by eating away from home, there was not the full week of eating leftovers. A little turkey for sandwiches, two servings of mashed potatoes and a couple of pieces of apple pie were all after-the-fact groceries that made it to our fridge.

There will be 14 downtown Elba businesses which will stay open later on Thursday evenings to help Christmas shoppers complete their mission. These local merchants will be open until 8 p.m. during the month of December. You can find a list of these "good hometown folks" elsewhere in the paper.

Cigarette smokers are smoking... not just cigarettes, but with anger. The ink was not dry on the highly touted national tobacco settlement when the price on a pack of the weeds went up from 55¢ to 75¢ a pack. While the politicians were blowing their own horn about making the tobacco companies pay big time, the company folks were in the warehouse marking up the prices on all their inventory. It is also amazing that the cigarettes in the pipeline also got the extra pricing. Now, as usual, the burden of paying the bill will fall on the end user and not on "that big 'ol' rich tobacco company."

Positive economic news was bursting out in Elba in the past week. First, Chris English got his full service grocery store open on the square in downtown Elba... even offering home delivery of grocery orders. Then, on Wednesday afternoon we got the official word that Food Giant Supermarkets would be opening up and expanding in the former Big Bear building. True to their statements, the remodeling crews were on the job Monday morning, following the Thanksgiving holiday. These developments are on a long list of positive happenings since the March flood; but from a psychological aspect, the grocery stores are a giant step in the recovery of Elba.

Town of New Brockton to sponsor Community Christmas Celebration

The Town of New Brockton will sponsor a Community Christmas celebration Saturday, Dec. 5, and invites all area residents to come and share in the festivities.

At 6 p.m., all who wish to sing will meet at the New Brockton Assembly of God for a time of caroling, after which a giant Christmas tree will be lit on the corner across

Elba's downtown merchants extend business hours for Christmas

Christmas shoppers will be able to shop on the square in downtown Elba until 8 p.m. on Thursday evenings, from now until Christmas, beginning today (Dec. 3).

Merchants open during this time each week will be Pearl's Deli, Brian Patch, Elba Florist, Elba Gun and Pawn, The Jewel Box, Frank's Fishin' Hole, Tiger Video, English Photography, Clement's Furniture, Tambs Sales, Ivy Green Antiques, Radio Shack, Ace Hardware, and Riverside Market.

WZTZ Radio will also be on the square playing Christmas music for the enjoyment of shoppers.

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6 Months - \$8, including city & state tax
Alabama Counties - \$17 per year - including tax
6 months - \$9
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Research shows student achievement rises when parents are involved in their children's education. This is true for all grade levels. Even for teenagers, parents still really make the difference.

This is a good time of year to renew your commitment to supporting higher student achievement. Use this checklist throughout the school year to ensure you're doing all you can:

— My child has a regular place to do homework, free from distractions and equipped with study tools.

— My child does his/her homework on time, and on time.

— My child is reading a lot, especially with the academics come the state-mandated tests for all grade levels in the state of Alabama. These dates are:

High School Basic Skills Exam - Exam - grades 11, 12 - March 16, 17, 1999

Pre-Graduation Exam - grade 10 - March 16, 17, 18, 19

Alabama High School Graduation Exam - Social Studies Item Pilot - grade 12 - To be announced

Stanford Achievement Test - Ninth Edition - grades 3-11 - April 5-16

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24 - River stage - 4.84 feet (6.22 a.m.) Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 - Alarm at CarQuest (1:45 a.m.); River stage - 4.93 feet (6.10 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Jackson Street (6:26 p.m.).

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26 - Alarm at Hardee's (1:26 a.m.); Alarm at Hardee's (1:38 a.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported on Martin Luther King Drive (3:34 a.m.); River stage - 5.43 feet (6:15 a.m.); Rescue squad dispatched to a residence on Caroline Street (5:53 p.m.); Possible burglary reported on

Armstrong and Murphy Cox. Persons discharged during the same period were: Melissa Daniels, Lula Goodson, Opal Westbrook, Charles Jones, and Douglas Armstrong.

Cross Trails Library offers Book-By-Mail service to county residents

from the Assembly Church.

Last stop will be the Sr. Citizens Center, where refreshments will be served.

Those participating are asked to help provide the refreshments, which may be brought to the Sr. Citizens Center any time during the evening.

The Book-By-Mail catalog includes large print books, historical romances, westerns, general fiction, and inspirational books.

Any citizen of Coffee County who does not live within the city limits of Elba or Enterprise can receive books-by-mail.

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Discipline Is A Necessity of Life...

by: Deana Gifford

This week's Co-Op spotlight focuses on Chassidy Sasser. Chassidy is an employee at Elba Medical Group, where she files papers and answers the phone. She is the daughter of Edith and Randy Sasser and is a junior at Elba High School. Chassidy is a member of VICA and is very active in church activities.

After high school, Chassidy plans to attend Auburn University and major in Business Administration.

We are proud to shine this week's spotlight on Chassidy Sasser.

Senior Beta Club Initiates New Members



by: Casey Henderson

On the morning of November 18, 1998, the members of the 1998-99 Sr. Beta Club at Elba High School met in the library classroom to conduct a special ceremony for the new members. The purpose of the ceremony was to initiate the members by formally welcoming them into the club and to tell them what is expected of them throughout the year.

The old members helped by giving the newcomers their certificates of membership and pinning the Sr. Beta pins on their shirts. The new members include: President Elizabeth Stephens, Amanda Beerenstrach, Carmenda Coleman, Bethany Dye, Neil Grantham, Heather Hudson, Cammie Kelley, Amy Kirkland, Nicole Lindsey, Leanne Mallory, Rosanna McKinnon, Valarie Moore, Melissa Mularz, and Jessica Welch.

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MEF 7:00p - SKS 2:00p

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Westgate Center

III - HOME ALONE 2 (PG-13)

MEF 7:00p - SKS 2:00p

I STILL KNOW WHAT YOU DID LAST SUMMER (R)

MEF 9:00a - SKS 9:00a

IV - PRACTICALLY GINGER (R)

MEF 7:00p - SKS 2:00p

College Cinema - College Plaza

I - A BOY'S LIFE (G)

MEF 7:15 & 9:05 - SKS 2:15 & 9:05

II - BABE - PIG IN THE CITY (G)

MEF 7:00p - SKS 2:00p

III - THE RUGRATS MOVIE (PG-13)

MEF 7:00p - SKS 7:00p

IV - THE RUGRATS MOVIE (G)

MEF 7:00p - SKS 7:00p

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Portion of Tiger Drive Closed

The Elba City Schools has closed a portion of the street circling the school.

Construction has begun to correct the erosion problem created by the heavy rains of March and September.

School officials are asking the public to be patient and cooperative with them as the problem is being corrected. Construction crews will be on site beginning immediately.

Minor adjustments have been

implemented to allow safe traffic flow around the school complex. Motorists are urged to adhere to this change as local police and administration personnel will advise them as they pass the construction site.

Also, barricades should not be bypassed at anytime due to the fact that guard rails will or have been removed making the west side of the campus very dangerous to travel on due to the construction phase.

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American Education Week Celebrated

by: Emily Bryan

This year's American Education Week was held during the week of November 15-21. The theme was "Teaching Children to Think & Dream..."

Many activities were planned in coordination which included programs for students, parents, teachers, and support personnel. Alabama Education Association President Anita Rabby wisely stated, "We educators do our best to educate every student, but we need parents, grandparents, business leaders,

public officials... everybody to help us..."

Students wrote essays on what their schools will be like in the future and displayed art work in public buildings around town.

We celebrated AEW this year, time was taken to reflect on how our educational system has come and how far we have to go. Frosty Troy of the "Oklahoma Observer" spelled it out when he said,

"Thank you teachers, parents, business leaders, and public officials for all your support.

"Everything America is or ever

hopes to be depends upon what happens in our schools' classrooms," a true message that rings as loud and clear as the bells that echo throughout the schools of America. Imaging what life would be like without education. Would we have any future? John Glenn, Bill Gates, or Stephen Spielberg in this world?

Thank you teachers, parents, business leaders, and public officials for all your support.

Red Ribbon Week Observed



Mrs. A. Vaughan's class takes time to show their awareness of drugs. They dressed in red to celebrate National Red Ribbon Week November 2-6.

Support The Elbala Staff Buy An Ad

Wicked Witch Of The West



Whether it is the Wicked Witch of the West, Annie Oakley, or Cruella Deville, everybody loves a jack-o'-lantern (especially when the jack-o'-lantern is first grade teacher, Mandy Jeffcoat)! The Elba Elementary School students', as well as many of the teachers', true identities came out this past Halloween.

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The Tigers will also bring back a lot of experience as all ten players on this year's team saw action on the varsity level last year. The players for the 1998-99 season include: Eric Jordan-senior, Josh Lawford-junior, Wayne Reed-junior, Jason Warr-sophomore, and Sammy Hill-sophomore. The "Tigers" games are action packed and they are a very promising team so come out and support our Varsity Elba Tigers!!!

Basketball Season Swings Into Action

Elba Elementary School Menu
Dec. 7 - 11, 1998

BREAKFAST
Monday - Cheese Sandwich or Cereal, Hall Orange, Juice, Milk
Tuesday - Pancakes w/Syrup or Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit & Sausage or Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Eggs or Cereal, Toast, Jelly, Juice, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits or Cereal, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk

LUNCH
Monday - Salisbury Steak w/Gravy, Garden Peas, Whole Kernel Corn, Sweet Potato Patty, Roll, Milk
Tuesday - Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, French Fries, Hall Apple, Milk
Wednesday - Chicken Fingers, Butterbeans, Potato Tots, Roll, Peach, Milk
Thursday - Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Green Beans, Mixed Fruit, Rolls, Milk
Friday - Vegetable Beef Soup, Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Half Orange, Milk

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Revving It Up...

by Alisha Walker

He races around the barn and flies wild over the finish line. The crowd goes wild, he has won first place!

This is heard often when one of the Sanders brothers hits the track. They ride motocross. The Sanders are four brothers who have been racing their entire lives. Their father, Troy, even races. They are Alan, 17; Jason, 15; Jason, 11; and Jeremy, 11. To them, weeks mean time to ride, whether it's just

to practice or race.

On a typical race day, they get up around 4:00 a.m. and load the bikes, gear, and gas cans in the box van. Then they go to a gas station to get

gas for the bikes and Gatorade for the boys. Then it's off to the track.

Once they arrive at the track, they unload the van and sign up for the race. Then they put on their riding gear and check their bike. Before the race, they get to practice on the track. There are two practices and they can take 4 or 5 laps each time.

Race time! The Sanders have a racing tradition. They grew up racing and winning. It is a fun and exciting lifestyle and they love to ride.

After every class has twice, they pack up their gear, get their trophies, and go home.



Zion Chapel

High School

REBEL**NEWS**

Blake Weeks, Editor

Rachel Bryan, Sponsor

FBLA Chapter Meets

by Cristy Houston

The November meeting of the Z.C. Chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) was held recently.

The meeting was called to order by President April Morgan at 8:55 a.m. After roll call, Secretary Cristy Houston read the minutes of the previous meeting. They were approved and read.

After the creed was read, old business was discussed. Several students came forward to report on workshops they attended at Officer Training Conference and the National Fall Leadership Conference.

Chan Grantham and Charlie Maddox came forward and spoke about Rocking Resumes and Time Management. Rocking Resumes was given by Robin Roberts, the presiding national president of the FBLA.

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wanted to improve and setting goals in helping you achieve it.

Angie Laney discussed Stress Reliever, the workshop she attended.

Stress Reliever suggested things that a person can do to relieve stress other than violence.

Angie Laney also spoke about American Free Enterprise Day, which was recognized by FBLA-PBL on November 15. This was set aside to salute and publicize the American Free Enterprise system and to teach others about it.

Mrs. Rachel Bryan, sponsor, brought up ideas for the community service project and announced a meeting for the project committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m. Following the meeting, refreshments were served.

Winterguard

by John Arnold

A new activity for the colorguard has been added to the band curriculum. It is called Winterguard.

Winterguard is an extracurricular activity performed by colorguard in the winter. Along with twirling flags, the winterguard twirls rifles and sabers and they do dance routines. Winterguard is instructed by Mr. Wally Jordan and occasionally by Mr. Shay Watson, band director. The members of Winterguard are Gina Alie, Leslie Marler, Kelli Sanders, Sara Maddox, and Matt Dunn.

8th Grade Completes Projects

by Charlie Maddox

The eighth-grade classes at Zion Chapel recently completed projects for their nine weeks.

The projects went along with the individual books they were reading.

Each student picked out a book of their choice.

They had to make a board game that followed their book.

It had to have the same characters and plot as the book.

The games had to include directions, game pieces, and the instruction book.

First, second, and third place winners were selected from each of the two eighth grade classes.

The winners were first place Perry Cauthern for "Predology" and Jessica Hatchcock for "Alice In Wonderland"; second place Chris Summerlin for "Honey I Shrunk the Kids" and Ashley Wambles for "Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory"; and third place Jarred Flowers for "Treasure Island" and Jonah Edmondson for "Treasure Island".

Hunting Safety Course

by Michell McIntosh

The second and seventh grade Agribusiness classes at Zion Chapel High School recently took a Hunter Safety course. The course lasted from November 1 to November 20.

The purpose of taking this Hunter Safety course was to help students better understand the rules of the game.

Disney star Donald Duck has helped math classes understand what a vital part math plays in the lives of humans from ancient times to the present.

The math classes under the supervision of Mrs. Mary Herbert have been working with Donald Duck in Mathematical Land. It

stars Donald Duck who travels through history from ancient Greece to the present. On his way he is shown how math was used in measurements, architecture, music, games, and the arithmetic used in classes today.

When Mrs. Herbert was asked what her opinion was on showing the video she replied, "I think the video is highly informative and entertaining at the same time."

SPORTS

Views from

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz

Melanie has never been a big eater. So, it was a surprise to me Thursday when she sat down in the kitchen and said she was going to wait for food to hit the table for Thanksgiving dinner. The table was filled with turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, corn, sauteed eggs, rolls and pecan pie, and while she did eat a little, everything her plate was far from empty when she finished eating. She told me she was going to save room for nibbling the rest of the day, and before the bird left the kitchen Melanie did eat her share of turkey and all the trimmings. I think eating is just too boring for Melanie!

ONCE OVER THE AREA, NOT ALWAYS SO LIGHTLY...

*** The Elba Tigers claimed three straight wins last week to claim the championship of the C, B and Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament. The Tigers were one of the pre-tournament favorites to take the top prize, and just that as they defeated Ashford, Zion Chapel and G.W. Long, to take home the championship trophy. Wayne Reed, Tim Ware and Eric Jordan were the top scorers on five different occasions, and did play a wall on the defense, and in all three games, and it was the Elba defense that led to the championship. Players having good tournaments included sophomore Tim Ware, seniors Eric Jordan and Mark Wicker, and junior Wayne Reed. In Elba's scheme every single player is called upon to help out during the course of a game, and while all the players may not get noticed by the fans, all ten players on the team play big roles in the success of the Tigers. The tourney wins left the Tigers with a 4-0 record, and many Tiger fans are already talking about a true 3A contend... however, the Tigers do play hard and play with confidence, and it could be a big year for Tiger basketball.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers also took part in the holiday tournament and claimed one win in three games. The Lady Tigers looked impressive in a big win over Kinston, but stumbled late in a loss to Ariton and may have been caught being over-confident in losing to a New Brockton team that they had already defeated earlier in the week. The Lady Tigers have the players to be very competitive this season, but the girls have to remember that a win only counts until the next game tips off, and that they must play all games one quarter at a time. Players playing well for the tourney included senior Deitra Jones, sophomore Roshana McKinnon and eighth grader LaGina Mack. These girls will get better as the season progresses, and should win their share of games if they keep on working hard.

*** The holiday tournament got a lot of teams plenty of playing time, but the bracket set up was not in the team's favor. The team that had to travel far to play in the tournament was the team that won their first game and then lost in the semifinals were eliminated, while the teams that lost their first game and then won their second got the chance to play for consolation honors. It would have made more sense for the semifinal losers to come back in the consolation game, and to let the teams that survived in the losers' bracket games to come back on the final day and play for fifth place. It would have meant two more games for the fans to watch, and would have made the brackets easier to digest.

*** The Brantley Bulldogs advanced to this weekend's Class 1A state championship game with an exciting 27-26 win over Notasuga, and now have the chance to win their second state title in six years. The Bulldogs' defense was outstanding, and the offense, which had been held to just 100 yards allowed over 400 yards in the final offense, while the Brantley offense moved the ball well throughout the game, and overcame a couple of big penalties to escape with the one-point win. Brantley was supposed to be the team to beat in 1A circles next season, and with only two seniors in the starting line-up that could very well be the case. However, the Bulldogs have made it known throughout the season that they want the crown this year, and Saturday will get their shot. Good luck, you certainly deserve it.

*** I went to the Brantley-Notasuga game last week and saw without a doubt the worst call by an official that I had ever seen. Brantley's defense came up with a turnover on a flea-flicker, and the Bulldog defender faced 45 yards to the end zone for a touchdown. Just as the dog player was ready to score, the referee decided to take a look at his play, and a Brantley player trotting down the field and gave the Brantley player a shot in the back. The umpire saw the cheap shot, but never thought to see which color uniform the guilty party had on, and called the penalty on Brantley for clipping. The penalty resulted in the touchdown being called back, and the Bulldogs went in at the half with a 17-6 lead, instead of a 24-6 advantage. Brantley went on to win the game by one point, but it would have been a terrible injustice to the players if Notasuga had won because of such a bad call.

*** I am not an Auburn fan, but may have to pull for the Tigers every now and then if new-coach Tommy Tuberville is anything like he seems to be. After putting up with the arrogant Terry Bowden for the past few years it was nice for the officials on the field to get a break, down home coach that had already proven he could win in the college ranks. Whether or not he can win at Auburn remains to be seen, but at least Auburn got a coach that should be easy for the players and alumni to get behind and give their total support.

*** Dothan computer guru Ted Hall has come up with something called "Power Ratings" in high school football for the past several years, and has combined the scores of the games with the strength of schedule, and scores of opponents, come up with his own computer rankings. I got a copy of his statewide rankings last week, and in the list it showed that Elba ranked 256th out of the 419 teams in the state. The Tigers were ahead of such teams as DA Dor, 6A Baker, 5A Curry, 5A Talladega, 4A Abbeville and 6A Arab, but they were also behind such teams as 2A Southern Choctaw, 1A Brantley, 1A Notasuga, 1A Shelby Academy, 1A St. Jude, 1A Etowah, Wilcox Academy, 1A Verbera, Crenshaw Christian and even 2A Paramount. I know that the computer is only as smart as the man that pushes the buttons, but the rankings were very interesting for this old football fan.

*** Ye Ol Polish Prognosticator hit on 15 of 16 playoff picks last week to move his playoff totals to 81-14, and declared that maybe he has at last figured out what the playoffs are all about. After listening to his self-proclaimed superiority, he did leave this week's final picks for the season...

In basketball season openers

Elba sweeps New Brockton

The Elba Tigers and Lady Tigers opened the 1998-99 high school basketball season with a bang last Monday night as they traveled to New Brockton and made a clean sweep of the highly-touted New Brockton Gamecocks and Lady Gamecocks, in last week's "Game of the Week."

The Tigers pulled ahead in the second quarter and never looked back to down the Gamecocks 59-52, while the Lady Tigers took complete control in the second and third quarters to grab the lead and roll to a 44-33 win.

Following are highlights of both big Elba wins:

BOYS GAME:

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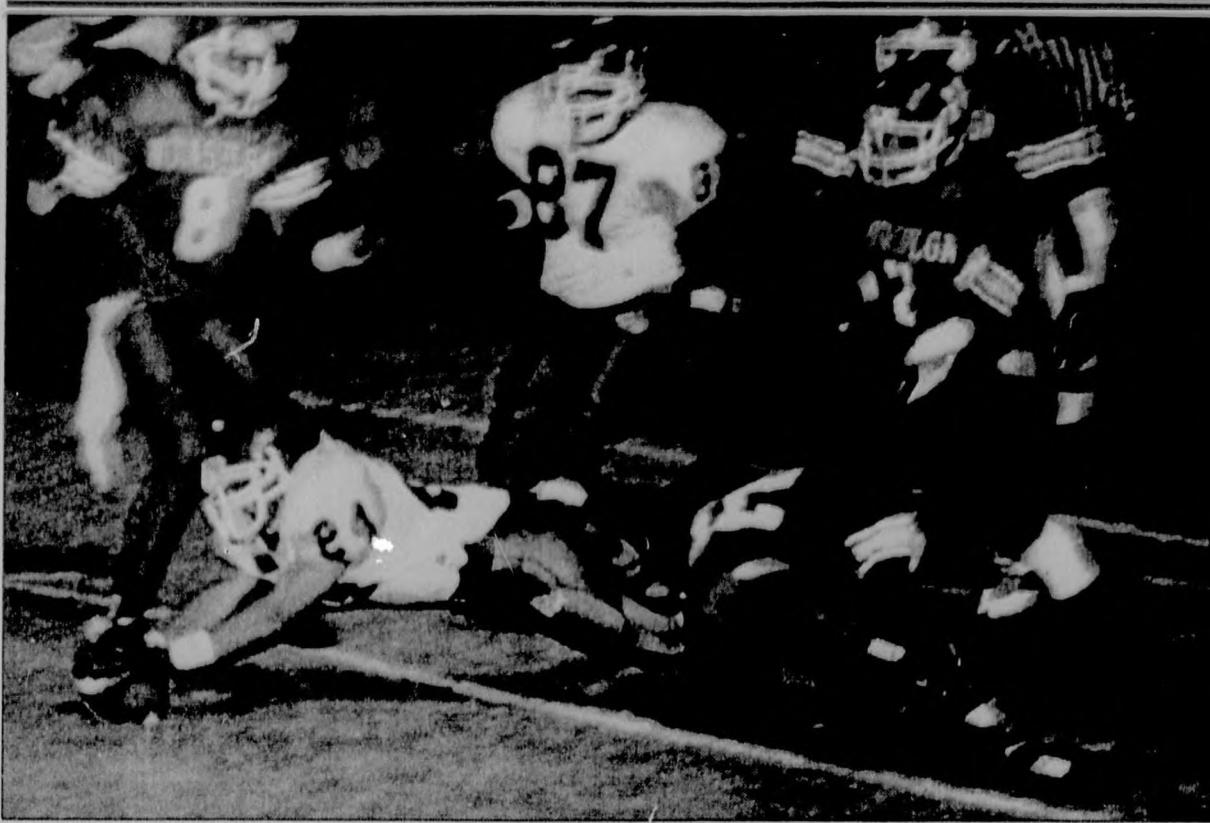
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SPORTS



Brantley's Deon Jones (24) dives over the goal line for a Bulldog touchdown in Brantley's thrilling 27-26 semifinal playoff win over Notasuga. The win improved Brantley's record to 12-2 and earned the Bulldogs a berth in Saturday's 1A state championship game, set for 12:00 (noon) in Birmingham's Legion Field.



Brantley's Bo Daniels (2) cuts between the blocks of teammates Gregory Daniels (57) and DeMario Wiley (7) for a big gain in the Bulldogs' 27-26 win over Notasuga in last week's Class 1A semifinal win. Daniels scored 2 touchdowns in the exciting playoff victory over the previously undefeated Blue Devils.

Earns berth in 1A championship game

Brantley dumps 'Devils' 27-26

By Greg Brunson, Sportswriter

Wow! What a ball game!!
But then what would you expect in the Class 1A semifinals?

The Brantley Bulldogs traveled to Notasuga Friday night and were involved in a classic struggle with the undefeated Notasuga Blue Devils. With a win in the State Semifinals at stake, the Bulldogs controlled the scoreboard for most of the game and then held on at the end to post a thrilling 27-26 win.

Zack Burnett took the opening kickoff and returned the ball 68 yards to set Brantley up at the Blue Devil 18-yardline. Three running plays netted only five yards, however, and on fourth down Gregory Daniels boomed a 30-yard field-goal through the uprights to give the Bulldogs a 3-0 lead with 9:49 left in the first quarter.

Notasuga drove from the Brantley 46-yardline all the way to the Bulldog 13 following the booted drive, but the Brantley defense came up with a turnover to stop the Blue Devil scoring threat.

The two 1A football powers exchanged points on their next possessions, which led to a Brantley touchdown.

Tyrone Knighten broke through to block a Trey Langford punt, and DeMario Wiley scooped up the football and raced 40 yards into the endzone. Both Daniels and Deon Jones added 21 yards to the Brantley lead with 9:43 still left in the first quarter.

Notasuga bounced right back with a scoring drive of its own to grab the early lead from the Bulldogs. A 70-yard dash by Lavertis Purter moved the Devils to the Brantley 5-yardline, and two plays later Purter scored from three yards out on a run straight up the middle. Kagai Wilson's extra-point try failed, but Notasuga was now on top 6-3 with 7:44 remaining in the opening quarter.

Brantley had little time to regroup but the Bulldogs covered 69 yards in only 3 plays. Bo Daniels cracked off runs of 11 and 46 yards to move the football to the Blue Devil 12-yardline, and from there Deon Jones took the ball around the left end and dove into the endzone for the touchdown. A mishandled snap resulted in a missed extra-point, leaving Brantley's lead at 9-6 with 6:51 still left in the wild first quarter.

The Blue Devils turned to a flea-flicker in front of Zack Burnett, but Burnett played the pitch-out after the pass completion perfectly, knocked the ball to the ground, and picked up the fumble and raced 45 yards to the endzone. As Burnett was nearing the endzone, a Notasuga player leveled a Brantley player from behind near the 30-yardline. The unsportsmanlike act did draw a penalty flag; however,

the umpire apparently failed to notice that it was a player in blue who committed the act, and a clip was called on Brantley that nullified the touchdown. The half ended seconds later with the Bulldogs still on top 17-6.

Notasuga started the second half with an interception by Bo Daniels, which was fumbled by Notasuga. The snap was again mishandled, and while Gregory Daniels did manage to run down the loose ball, he then completed a pass to Zack Burnett to result in a loss of 31 yards.

Notasuga drove from the Brantley 23-yardline following an interception by Lavertis Purter carried the ball 40 yards to the 10-yardline. Notasuga then had to go for the two-point conversion and the win, and on the most crucial play of the season for both teams, Trey Langford took the snap and rolled to his right. Langford fired a pass into the endzone only to see Brantley's Bo Daniels dive in front of the receiver and bat the pass away to preserve the win for the Bulldogs.

Jonathan Smith recovered the Blue Devils' desperation on-sides kick on the ensuing kickoff, and Brantley then ran one play to kill the clock and claim the 27-26 win. The two-point conversion failed, Brantley's lead had been cut to 17-12 with 9:43 still left in the third quarter.

Brantley received the ensuing kickoff and marched 67 yards to regain control. Bo Daniels capped the five play drive with a beautiful 36-yard touchdown run, a run in which Daniels broke a tackle at the 25-yardline and righted himself to the endzone in the endzone. Gregory Daniels booted the extra-point and with 7:50 remaining in the third quarter the Bulldogs lead was back up to 24-12.

Notasuga bounced right back as the Blue Devils took the ensuing kick and marched 75 yards in 10 plays to reach the endzone. The score came on a 26-yard gallop by Lavertis Purter, and Purter also ran in for the two-point conversion, as the Blue Devils closed to within 24-20 with 7:44 left in the third quarter.

Brantley marched from its own 37-yardline to the Notasuga 12-yardline early in the fourth quarter, and on fourth down Gregory Daniels booted a 29-yard field-goal to increase the Brantley lead to 27-20 with 7:14 left in the game.

The scoring drive consisted of 11 plays and was highlighted by back-to-back 14-yard runs by Deon Jones and Bo Daniels.

STATISTICS

	Brantley	Notasuga
1st Downs	6	6
Rushes-Yds	36-226	36-29
Passing Yds	18	2
Total Offens	407	407
Passes	11-231	11-231
Return Yds	8	8
Fumbles Lost	0	2
Penalties-Yds	12-41	12-41
Punts-Ave.	3-33	3-33

SPORTS



Brantley to challenge undefeated Parrish Saturday in Class 1A championship game

The Brantley Bulldogs will be looking for their second state football championship in three years when they meet the undefeated Parrish Tornadoes at 12:00 (noon) in Birmingham's Legion Field, in the Class 1A state championship game.

The Bulldogs will enter the playoffs with a 12-2 record, while the Tornadoes will bring a perfect 14-0 record into the final round clash.

Brantley earned its ticket to the finals with a 27-26 win over previously unbeaten Notasuga, and will enter the championship round with its only two losses coming to 3A LaGrange and 3A St. James.

The Bulldogs' offense is led by running backs Bo Daniels and Deon Jones, who combined last week for three touchdowns.

Daniels has gained over 1,700 yards during his stellar junior season, while Jones has stepped in for injured Darrell Owens and helped give the Bulldogs a solid 1-2 punch. Perhaps the unsung hero for the Bulldogs this season has been place-kicker Gregory Daniels, a 250-pound sophomore, who last week booted two field-goals to help Brantley advance to this week's finals.

The Brantley defense allowed over 400 yards in last week's win over Notasuga, but has limited its four playoff opponents to a total of only 39 points, and is looking upon as the real strength of the team. Leaders on defense include Zack Burnett, Bo Daniels, DeMario Wiley, Gregory Daniels, Bobby Phillips and Tyrone Knighten.

The Parrish Tornadoes will enter

the championship game as the state's top ranked team and will bring a 14-0 record. The Tornadoes have come over (2-8) Oakman 22-6, (1-9) Warrior 46-0, (2-8) Glencoe 39-19, (1-9) T.W. Martin 58-0, (5-6) Sulligent 33-6, (10-2) American Christian 32-21, (9-3) Ragland 49-0, (8-3) Marion County 35-22, (2-9) West Jefferson 55-0, (1-9) Cordova 60-6, (6-5) Hubertville 50-19, (9-3) Ragland 47-8, (7-6) Carrollton 21-7 and (8-5) Courtland 26-7.

The Brantley defense will have to step up a notch against the high-scoring Tornadoes, as the Bulldogs will be looking to stop the clock while the offense will have to put points on the scoreboard and cut down on penalties. The Bulldogs will enter the contest as big underdogs, but such was the case back in 1993 when Brantley claimed its first state title with a 36-0 win over West Jefferson. This "shoot out at high noon" should be one of the top championship match-ups held this week in the Magic City!

Final pairings for the Super Six Football Championships, set for Legion Field, in Birmingham, are as follows:

CLASS 1A: Parrish (12-0) vs. Brantley (12-2), Saturday, 12:00 (noon)

CLASS 2A: Lineville (14-0) vs. Southern Choctaw (14-0), Thursday, 3:30

CLASS 3A: Randolph County (13-1) vs. Briarwood (14-0), Friday, 3:30

CLASS 4A: Deshler (13-1) vs. T.R. Miller (11-3), Saturday, 3:30

CLASS 5A: Blount (14-0) vs. Etowah (10-3), Thursday, 7:00

CLASS 6A: Vestavia Hills (14-0) vs. Vigor (11-3), Friday, 7:00

Following are results from last week's semifinal action:

CLASS 1A: Parrish 27 Courtland 6, Brantley 27 Notasuga 26

CLASS 2A: Southern Choctaw 20, Lineville 12, Lineville 42 Clay County 12

CLASS 3A: Briarwood 36, Aliceville 33, Randolph County 12, Springville 9

CLASS 4A: T.R. Miller 21 St. Paul's 7, Deshler 52 Midfield 14

CLASS 5A: Blount 33 Stanhope Elmore 7, Etowah 27 Gadsden 26

CLASS 6A: Vigor 28 Tuscaloosa County 24, Vestavia Hills 42, Shades Valley 35

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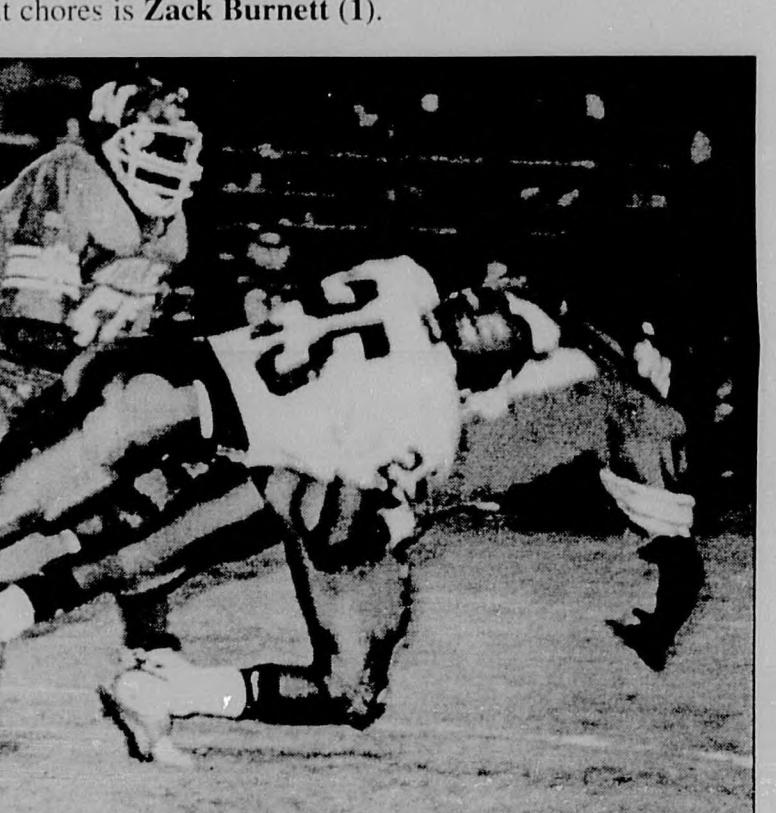
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Enterprise



Brantley's Zack Burnett (1) pulled in this pass just after stepping out of bounds in the Bulldogs' semifinal playoff win over Notasuga last Friday night in Class 1A action.

The Bulldogs' Tyrell Knighten (25) drags down a Blue Devil running back from behind in the Bulldogs' 27-26 semifinal

winner. Knighten and the Bulldog defense turned back a late two-point conversion attempt to preserve the win.

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FOLLOW THE BULLDOGS IN THEIR

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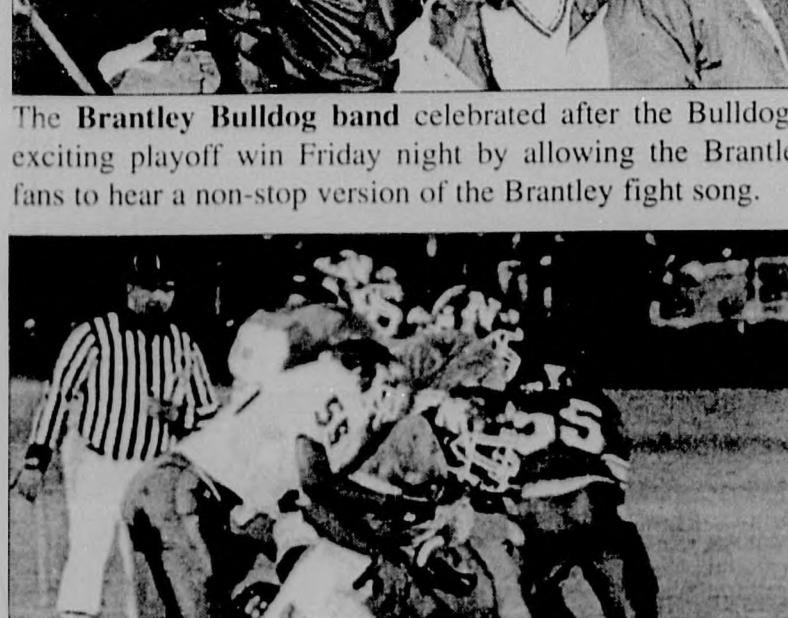
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THE ELBA CLIPPER

#1 IN SPORTS COVERAGE!



The Brantley Bulldog band celebrated after the Bulldogs' exciting playoff win Friday night by allowing the Brantley fans to hear a non-stop version of the Brantley fight song.



Brantley's Laron Brooks (51) and Rodney Wiley (58) combine to bring down a Notasuga runner for a short gain in last week's 27-26 win over the Blue Devils. The Brantley defense held on late to preserve the 27-26 win over Notasuga.

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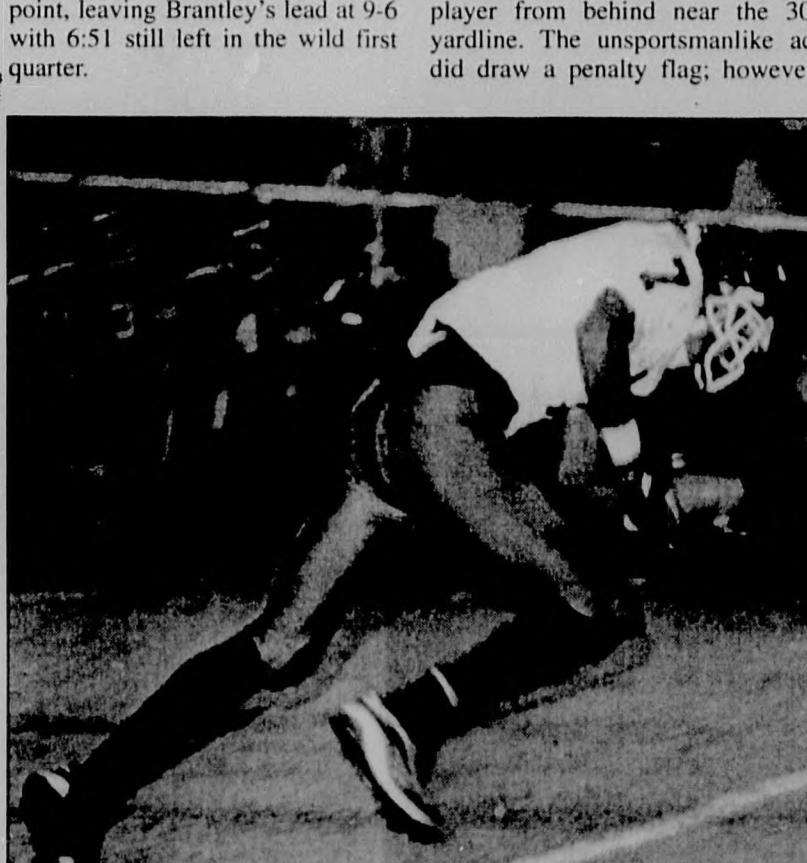
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GOOD LUCK BULLDOGS...BRING HOME THE BIG ONE!



Brantley's DeMario Wiley (7) scoops up a fumble and sets sail for the endzone in the Bulldogs' 27-26 win over Notasuga. The 40-yard fumble return for a touchdown gave the Bulldogs a 17-6 second quarter lead in the 1A semifinal clash.



Brantley's Andre Mitchell (8) leaps high in an attempt to break up a pass while teammate Tyrone Knighten (42) applies pressure to the Blue Devil quarterback. The Bulldog defense held on late to preserve the 27-26 win over Notasuga.

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New Brockton Council going for \$100,000.00

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

New Brockton Town Council wasted little time in conducting business and adjourning. The meeting lasted just under thirty minutes; however a lot was accomplished in a short time.

Police Chief Charles Driggers was called upon to report on the activities of his department due to another meeting (E-911) that had been scheduled.

MDI awarded Elba's garbage pick-up contract at half the present cost

Elba city officials were unable to contain their delight last week while opening bids on a new garbage pick-up contract. The present contractor had given notice of canceling the existing contract effective December 31st, 1998, because they were losing money on the garbage pick-up under the existing contract.

City officials were looking at the numbers and knew the city would absorb no more cost with increasing fees to the people of Elba. As an alternative they were looking at the possibility of buying trucks, hiring workers and getting back into the garbage pick-up business, after almost 15 years of contracting for the service.

However, with three bidders vying for the work, the low bid, rather than being higher than the existing contract, was almost half what the city is currently paying.

The present bid is about \$201,500 per year, council members were told. That is with Waste Management of Dothan, the firm which canceled because they are reportedly losing money at present prices.

Mark Dunning Industries, Inc.,

offered the bid.

On January 1, 1999 and expires on December 31, 2001. The new contractor will replace all garbage containers within the new few days.

He told the council that a bid of

the contract begins on January 1st, 1999 and expires on December 31, 2001. The new contractor will replace all garbage containers within the new few days.

McGlothren changes plea to guilty in theft of public funds

A former bookkeeper in the offices of the Coffee County Commission plead guilty to theft charges last Thursday.

Lost May, Susan Enfinger

McGlothren, of Enterprise, Al.

plead not guilty to charges of taking

more than \$71,000 in county funds

while working in the county com-

mission office. Last week she

changed that plea to guilty to the

charge of theft of property in the

first degree.

The alleged theft of funds

occurred during 1997 and an inves-

igation into the missing monies

was begun on January 21, 1998.

Mrs. McGlothren was relieved of

her bookkeeping duties on that day

and her resignation was accepted by

the commission on January 26,

In an April '98 session of an

Enterprise Division Grand Jury,

McGlothren was indicted on

charges of first degree theft.

She was arraigned on May 27, 1998 at

which time she entered a plea of

"not guilty."

Reportedly, McGlothren reim-

bursed the county for the "missing"

funds in May.

McGlothren's trial was set for the

third week in August '98; however,

due to a motion by her attorney, Jon

Sawyer, for a change of venue the

had been received and was almost ready to be placed in service.

Mayor Britt Lee noted that the new car was financed with a local bank in Elba and Ford Motor Credit at a savings of \$400 (over a two-year period).

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